

Year 4 News

Balby Central Primary Academy

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Talk

We actively listen. We give suggestions. We ask questions.

What we are working on:

Reading:

- * We are studying 'The pebble in my pocket' and using it as a link to our topic about the history of our Earth.
- * We are practicing our inference skills and how to draw ideas from across different parts of a text.
- * We are looking closely at the language the author uses and how that impacts on our interest and imagination.

Writing:

- * Build sentences with varied vocab and structure.
- * Organise paragraphs around a theme.
- * Punctuate speech correctly.

Maths:

- * Place Value: know confidently place value up to 4 digits, including negative numbers and decimals.
- * Times tables
- * Solving addition and subtraction problems

Topic:

Rocks and soils – We will be investigating different types of rock and their properties.

The history of our Earth – We will be comparing different types of historical physical geography, comparing early humans to modern humans and looking at the Earth during the time of the dinosaurs.

Must know words:

Fossil, limestone, sandstone, marble, slate, igneous, sedimentary, metamorphic, chalk, layers,

Recommended Reads: The pebble in my pocket, Dinosaur trouble, The dinosaur diary, Big book of dinosaur facts, Dinosaur atlas, The street beneath my feet, The rock factory

Things to remember:

- PE kit on Tuesdays
- Spelling test on Friday
- **Please bring your reading book and reading record EVERY DAY**
- Practice your times tables up to 12 x 12 ready for your tables challenges!

A note from Miss Wales, Mrs Gilson and Mrs Atkinson

We are very excited to welcome Mrs Atkinson to the Year 4 team, she will be teaching in Indigo class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The children are looking forward to our new topic and were very surprised to come back after the Christmas break to find their classrooms transformed into a volcano, prehistoric cave and early human settlement! We are looking forward to all the exciting things planned for this term including the trip to the National coal mining museum!